

**Meeting Date:** March 6, 2008

**Agenda Item No. 12**

**Agenda Item:** Update on Chinook Salmon

**Bureau Chief Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:**

This is an explanation, to inform the Commission, of the forecasts for spring and summer Chinook salmon returning to the Snake River this spring. The pre-season forecast, presented to the Commission at its January meeting, of the number of fish returning to the Snake River has not been updated. Fisheries staff will be reporting the expected geographic distribution of returning hatchery fish, sport fisheries planned for 2008 and timelines, considerations and permitting processes necessary for opening the sport fisheries. The scheduling of a April 2008 Commission conference call to adopt 2008 spring/summer Chinook salmon seasons will be discussed.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

None

**Public Involvement Process:**

None

**Staff Recommendation:**

None

**Justification:**

Keeps Commission informed prior to setting Chinook salmon fishing seasons in April.